



RCE/1644

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/942,075
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Group Art Unit	1644
Examiner Name	Patrick J. Nolan
Attorney Docket Number	0148.1135-010

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); *Interim Rule*, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114****a. [ ] Previously submitted**

- i. [ ] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [ ].  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. [ ] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [ ].
- iii. [ ] Other -- [ ].

**b. [ ] Please do not enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [ ].****c. [X] Enclosed**

- i. [X] Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, with Exhibits 1 and 2 attached thereto
- ii. [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. [ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. [X] Petition for Extension of Time - three (3) month(s), with copy
- v. [ ] Other -- [ ].

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. [ ] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [ ] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. [ ] Other -- [ ].

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. [X] A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$1770  
OR

[ ] Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$[ ] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes

- i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 11/23/2004 AWONDAF1 00000085 09942075
- ii. [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
- iii. [ ] Amendment Fee
- iv. [ ] Other -- [ ].

- b. [X] Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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